

*Tumkur District.*

(b)	<i>Extent disposed of.</i>		<i>Extent granted to Depressed Classes.</i>	
	A.	G.	A.	G.
Tumkur ...	66	08	20	27
Kunigal ...	5	02	...	...
Tiptur ...	72	09	...	...
Madhugiri ...	38	20	43	00
Pavagada ...	59	28	...	...
Koratagere .	26	10	7	13
Total ...	267	37	71	00

*Chitaldrug District.*

Chitaldrug ...	574	20	153	07
Challakere ...	561	17	217	38
Molakalmuru	32	00	...	...
Hosadurga ...	378	35	215	12
Holalkere ...	300	16	144	05
Davangere ...	81	17	48	04
Jagalur ...	182	25	147	32
Total ...	2,111	10	926	18

*Shimoga District.*

Shikaripur ...	5	07	...	...
Channagiri	437	38	105	82
Honnali ...	35	34	...	...
Total ...	478	39	105	32

*Chikmagalur District.*

Kadur ...	3,317	30	...	...
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**Gratuity to the employees of the  
Mysore Iron and Steel Works.**

**Q.—61. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR**  
(Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

at what stage the grant or gratuity to the employees of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, stands as on date ?

**A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

The proposal of the Board of Management, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, in this connection is being examined in consultation with the

other two Boards of Management of Industrial Concerns.

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**Afforestation Scheme.**

**Q.—63. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR**  
(Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that there has been gradual decrease in rainfall in Malnad parts during the recent years ;

(b) whether they have got any Afforestation Scheme in force ;

(c) if so, to what extent (extent in acreage or number of plantations) ;

(d) whether it is commensurate with cutting of trees for the use of industries, etc. ?

**A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Statistics obtained do not show that there has been a gradual decrease in rainfall in Malnad parts during recent years.

(b) Yes.

(c) The areas of fuel and teak plantations raised during the last five years are :—

	<i>Fuel</i>	<i>Teak</i>
	Acres	Acres
1947-48 ...	3,381	626½
1948-49 ...	3,259	531
1949-50 ...	4,565	647
1950-51 ...	3,153	648
1951-52 ...	549½	767

2,000 acres of old plantations were re-stocked.

(d) Exploitations of Forests and Afforestation are two entirely independent operations. Forests are being worked according to sanctioned working plans or under provisional schemes which are in the nature of protection. Afforestation is only an aid to natural regeneration and its extent and success depends upon so many factors such as availability of suitable areas, rainfall particularly in dry areas, and above all financial resources. The increasing cost of raising plantations in recent

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years due to all-round increase under all items of expenditure, the need to curtail expenditure, and the unreliable seasonal conditions have adversely affected the raising of plantations on a large scale. Finally it has to be said that there is a limit to the raising of artificial plantations governed as it is by the weather conditions, availability of labour and funds. The consumption of timber and fuel, is so great that all what is consumed cannot be compensated by raising of plantations alone. The only answer is the continued protection and preservation of the vast extents of natural forests which are the natural reserves of fuel and timber. Their working on Sylvicultural principles for sustained yields is the only solution for compensating what is consumed. To a limited extent only, artificial plantations that can be raised successfully with the bounties of a kind nature, can answer the requirements of timber and fuel.

Power supply to the raiyats owning lands on the banks of Bhadra River for lift irrigation.

Q.—64. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there has been any representation from agriculturists owning lands on the banks of Bhadra River and Bhadra Right Bank Channel from Hole honnur, Gangur, Karehalli and Singanamane for supply of electricity to 'Lift Irrigation Pumps';

(b) whether estimates have been prepared for the same;

(c) whether it would be possible to accord immediate sanction for the same in view of the urgency of pushing through the 'Grow More Food' Campaign in the State?

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a) above.

(c) If representations are received, the same will be considered and preparation of necessary estimates will be done and needful further action taken.

### Re-introducing the System of Issue of *Mafi* License.

Q.—68. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether representations have been received by them to re-introduce issue of "*mafi* Licensing System" in the State and particularly in Malnad parts;

(b) whether they will consider them sympathetically?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) No. In fact, there is no question of any re-introduction as the system of issue of *mafi* licenses has not been abolished. The issue of *mafi* passes only in respect of areas near Government forests has been recently temporarily suspended with a view to examining how best the existing rules may be improved upon to avert misuse of concessions. Government have since examined and issued orders restricting the powers of the Amildars in respect of issue of *mafi* licenses as shown below.\*

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a).

I. Regarding issue of *mafi* passes for removal of timber, etc., from lands granted under Darkhasts.

(a) That the right of reservation of the undermentioned species of timber by the Forest Department for a period of one year from the date the lands are given out on Darkhasts provided for in the Revenue Manual be strictly adhered to.

(b) That Range Officers shall obtain permission of the District Forest Officer